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Government, and one which, perhaps, has been more beneficial to the substantial growth of the country, is the Agricultural Department. has been regarded as the most independent ocmanual labor is reduced to a minimum, and machinery takes the place of the brawn and muscle that the farmer was formerly required to expend in wresting a living from the soil.

The Government has always encouraged the farmer and aided him in every way possible, and as far back as 1847 there had grown up an Agricultural Division of the Patent Office, by which a report was annually made, giving the statistics of the crops in various sections of the country, and such practical information as could be obtained with the limited facilities then at the disposal of the Government. Each year proved the importance of the work performed by this Division, and each year there was a greater demand for the reports which it submitted, showing the interest the farmers themselves took in the matter.

Gradually the sphere of investigation widened. Experiments with new plants and seeds were made, and the results carefully noted. Seeds were distributed to well-known agriculturists, who had become experts in the science of farming, and they were asked to inform the Government of the results of their experiments with them. An entomological collection of insects which are injurious to the life and prosperity of various plants was started, and the habits of these destroyers of cereal vitality were studied, with a view to remedy their attacks. Chemical and microscopical investigation was carried on to a very limited extent, but still enough to show the vast value of these examinations if pursued systematically and with the proper facilities. In fact, all these various classes of work were performed in a crude and desultory way, and yet so beneficial were they to the farming ponulation that there was an emphatic demand on the part of the agricultural interests of the country that there should be established a comprehensive system of seed and plant distribution, a more extended investigation of the extent and value of the agricultural resources of the country, and a more permanent and systematic organization of Government aid to the leading industry of the Nation. Accordingly, in May, 1862, Congress yielded

to the pressure in this direction and passed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture. It is curious how ignorant the general public is as to the exact status of this branch of the Govcrument service. Many suppose that it is even now a bureau organization and attached to the Interior Department. On the contrary, it is, as it was designated in the act bringing it into existence, the "Department of Agriculture," and its Chief, the Commissioner, is as untram-Effort has been made to give the Commissioner duties of the Department of Agriculture as de- of the best varieties of fruits and vegetables. fined in the organic act are "to acquire and useful information on subjects connected with agriculture in the most general and comprebensive sense of that word, and to procure, propagate and distribute among the people new and valuable seeds and plants."

The Commissioner's duties are defined as follows: "To acquire and preserve in his Depart- | protect the one as to destroy the other. ment all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain by means of books and correspondence, and by practical and scientific experiments; by the collection of statistics, and by any other appropriate means within his power; to test by cultivation the value of such of them as may require such tests; to propagate such as may be worthy of propagation, and to distribute them among agriculturists. He shall annually make a general report in writing of his acts to the President and to Congress, in which he may recommend the publication of papers forming parts of or accompanying his report. He shall also make special reports on particular subjects whenever required to do so by the President or either House of Congress, or when he shall think the subject in his charge requires it."

the establishment of an experimental garden, where tests as to new and improved varieties of cereals and forage plants could be made, and a determination arrived at as to the advisability of distributing them to the farmers throughout the country. The Government was fortunate in obtaining, during the infancy of the Agricultural Department, the services of a gentleman in every way fitted to conduct these experiments. Mr. Wm. Saunders was a landscape gardener of acknowledged reputation, whose fame extended beyond the State of Pennthe agricultural interests of the country as | ses are directed more particularly to the inves ment, had their origin in suggestions made by through the Reports of the Department.

The Department at present is systematically | cupy his attention and consideration. arranged in Divisions, each being directed by a responsible head. First in importance, perhaps, comes the

SEED DIVISION.

the distribution of seeds being a leading feature of the operations of the Department. Mr. Wm. King, of Ghio, who has made a specialty of the adaptation of seeds to different climatie and soil influences, is the Chief of this Division, and Dr. H. R. Branham is the Superintendent of Seed Room. By the distribution of seeds an incentive is given to new productions and the formation of new industries, equally to that of increased food products. In climates perfectly adapted to the habits and requirements of a plant, skill in cultural applications and judicious selection of seed will natnrally tend to increased improvement as to quantity and quality of products; but when plants are introduced into climates hostile to their perfect growth gradual deterioration will invariably follow. Under these conditions the only method of insuring a succession of remuncrative crops is by the introduction and use of seeds produced in climates favorable to their perfect development, and in no other way

from direct personal experiments. is that of testing the merit of new seeds in dif- been accruing during many years in the natu- tions than any man of the present day. In the ferent climates and on a diversity of soils in one | ral history collections of the Smithsonian In- | now prosperous associations known as the Misseason. Ecods of new, untested varieties are stitution, and which were transferred to the souri Horticultural Society, the National Caneplaced in the hands of farmers in selected lo- Department of Agriculture years ago. These, Growers' Association, the Mississippi Valley calities for cultivation, who in due time report | with donations from foreign Governments and | Dairy Association, and various State societies for | the results to the Commissioner, who is thus private individuals in this and other countries, the promotion and development of every branch placed in possession of data that enable him to | together with additions constantly being made | of agricultural endeavor may be seen the result | intelligently direct future distribution. Every by the Botanist of the Department, comprise a of Gov. Colman's handiwork, and during his

duct is concerned.

The seeds are distributed through agricultural societies and institutions, regular corregress, and, in special cases, to individual appli- tion of the Department. cants. To show the extent of this distribution it may be stated that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, there were sent out from the Department 3,622,738 packages of seeds, embrac-

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL DIVISION is in charge of Prof. C. V. Riley, whose skill as a specialist is well known, and who acquired considerable newspaper notoriety by insisting that the dreaded 17-year locusts were good eating. A most serious obstacle to the successful tions of insects, and their life history is one of as to diseased animals, which has proved of culture of vegetable products are the depredathe most important branches of knowledge that great utility in preventing the spread of epithe cultivator can acquire. The principal duties of this Division are those relating to the dissemination of information regarding the natural history and habits of insects injurious to vegetation and the best-known remedies for have been issued by the Entomologist on the the profitable development and conduct of our their extermination. Many valuable treatises habits of insects that are injurious to plants, One of the most important branches of the their modes of attack, the damages they inflict and the means by which they may be kept in check or utterly destroyed.

From the earliest times the tilling of the soil has been regarded as the most independent occupation of the individual, and as affording a standard estimate of the prosperity of the table fibers are largely represented, and specing as well as those which have failed. With State. As intelligence increases, the methods mens of the various stages of manipulation, the reckless lumbering for the past few years of farming are improved, and the earth, en- from the raw material to the finished product, our forests were rapidly disappearing, and it riched by fertilizers, is made to yield more are placed side by side, whether it is woven became a matter of great moment to consider abundant crops, while, with improved imple- into rope or fabricated into paper. In numbers | the means of their restoration, and the informa-

questions relating to practical and economic

THE DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY was established by Act of Congress, approved May 29, 1881, and was organized by the selection of Prof. D. E. Salmon as its Chief. Investigaing vegetables, flowers, field seeds, textiles, etc. | tions have been made in regard to the extent, nature and means of combating outbreaks of communicable diseases among the domesticated animals of the country, and much light has been thrown on the difficult problems which are encountered by those who practically attempt to reduce the ravages of these plagues. It has the direction of the quarantine system demics. In short, this Division has directed its labor to prevent and control communicable diseases among the animals in this country; to prevent the importation of such plagues from abroad, and to collect such information as is valuable to the stock-grower and necessary to animal industries, and to enable us to secure free entrance for our products into the markets

THE FORESTRY DIVISION, Under charge of this Division is the Economic of which Dr. N. H. Egleston is Chief, though ments in every department of agriculture, the and varieties of kinds and grades of wool and tion published under the auspices of this Di-



COMMISSIONER COLMAN.

unsurpassed. A collection of preserved birds embraces only those that are noted either for their beneficial has been but recently started, but under the

meled in his action as any Cabinet officer. or injurious propensities in fields and gardens, | charge of Mr. Allen Dodge a large amount of and there are also representatives of pure useful information in regard to the dairy proof Agriculture a seat in the Cabinet, but thus | breeds and distinct varieties of domestic poulfar without success. The general designs and try, as well as thousands of models from nature tained, and much good has resulted in the de-

The Entomological Branch of the Museum diffuse among the people of the United States | consists of finely colored plates and cases of | aided this Division greatly in its investigainsects are also shown, so that the cultivator may distinguish friends from enemies, it being important that he should as zealously strive to

THE STATISTICAL DIVISION,

consumption of different crops, obtained through | partment acted as Commissioner until the apa corps of correspondents, numbering several United States from which information is sought | decessor, and the Department made rapid proobtaining authentic information and their lish a Department of Agriculture. The next ability to insure impartiality and accuracy. Commissioner was Hon. Fred. Watts, whose The acknowledged value of the accuracy of | honesty of intention could not be questioned, data thus obtained clearly proves the excellence | but whose executive ability was not of the of the system adopted, and whether it is desired | highest order. He was succeeded by Wm. G. to ascertain the amount of acreage in particular | Le Duc, who to a good executive capacity The first work of the new Department was bers and local values of horses, cows, sheep, increased its efficiency, and turned it over to oxen, or other cattle; the prices of labor in his successor, Dr. George B. Loring, in good different localities, or anwers to any other series | condition. Dr. Loring had been a Member of of interrogatories, the information is promptly | Congress and understood thoroughly the methof the Department.

THE CHEMICAL DIVISION is in charge of Prof. W. H. Wiley, whose duty is to collect and disseminate information relating to the practical application of the results of sylvania, in which he resided, and whose labors | chemical investigations on the nature and | tion of the Commissioner of Agriculture is sufhad taken him into nearly all the Northern | properties of soils and their products; to deter-States. He was a man of extensive reading, | mine the value of natural fertilizers of mineral of great energy, thoroughly practical in his or vegetable origin; the kind of fertilizers and ideas, and enthusiastic in the benefits to be | their value in reference to the increase of spederived from the work of the new Department. | cial products in plants, and such other investi-As the founder of the experiments which have gations and analysis as may tend to promote been promotive of such widespread benefit to agricultural interests and progress. Soil analythey have broadened in development, Mr. | tigation of causes immediately injurious to Saunders may be considered, in a certain sense, | vegetation, with a view to the determination of the father of the Agricultural Department, practical methods for their removal. The relaand it is but justice to say that many of the | tive values of the fertilizing properties of peat, special departments of investigation which are | muck, marls, and other natural deposits are now flourishing and presperous in the Depart- determined, and the results made known field Springs, N. Y., in 1827. He removed to

him. He is still the Superintendent of Gar- | The Chemist is provided with a well-equip- | where he studied law, attending the Louisville dens and Grounds, the Horticulturist and Ar- ped laboratory, and attached to this Division is Law University, from which he graduated, borculturist of the Department, and the beau- a carefully-selected cabinet of geological and taking the degree of Bachelor of Law. In due tifully laid out grounds which surround the mineralogical specimens illustrative of the for- time he was admitted to the bar, and com-Agricultural buildings, covered with flowers of mation and physical condition of soils, and menced the practice of law at New Albany, Ind., every description, with trees and plants of the otherwise contributing towards the solution of having as a partner his fellow-student and rarest as well as the most useful varieties, at- questions submitted by correspondents, whose fellow-teacher M. C. Kerr, afterwards the test his industry, skill, taste, and extensive letters of inquiry on these and other subjects | Speaker of the House of Representatives. The relating to agricultural chemistry largely oc- relations between these two men were of the

> THE MICROSCOPICAL DIVISION has developed, under the charge of Prof. Thos. Taylor, into one of great importance to the interests of the farmer and gardener. The discases of plants are even yet but imperfectly understood, though each year is adding to our which progressive journal he made a record Color-Serg't G. W. Poundstone, 53d Ill., who information upon this subject, and what is definitely known concering their pathology is to a ergetic work to make the Department of Agri- 12, 1863. It was he who tore the flag from the tions of the microscope. The rot in the potato, the blight in pear-tree branches, the yel- hitherto. lows in the peach tree, leaf mildew on the grape and rot in its fruit, onion rust, cranbe ry rot, and blight on orange trees and fruits, and similar subjects, have been carefully studied and such remedies suggested as observation indi- and came within a few votes of receiving the cated. Fungoid growths are the active agents nomination. He, however, received the nomiin the dissolution of plants, and whether their nation for Lieutenant-Governor by acclamapresence in each particular case is a cause or a tion, and was elected. consequence of disease can only be ascertained by oft-repeated observations and close, properlydirected study. There is much of promise to of industry and enthusiasm which renders the

THE BOTANICAL DIVISION

silks the collection in the Museum is probably | vision will prove of great economic value to the country. THE DAIRY DIVISION

ducts of the country has already been ascertection of fraudulent manufactures of butter. The Chemical and Microscopical Divisions have preserved insects, illustrating the various trans- | tions as to impure products, and to the labors formations they undergo, the plants they feed of the Department may be attributable in a upon, and the injuries they inflict. Beneficial | large degree the decrease in the amount of bo- praise. gus products now in the market.

THE FIRST COMMISSIONER

was Hon. Isaac Newton, who devoted a great deal of earnest effort in placing the Department of Agriculture upon the proper foundaunder the charge of Prof. J. R. Dodge, performs | tion at the outset. Indeed, so persistent were a peculiarly important work, making a monthly | his labors that he died before his term of office collection of data in regard to production and | had expired, and the Chief Clerk of the Depointment of Hon. Horace Capron. Mr. Capron thousands, embracing every County in the was a man of wider intelligence than his preto be procured. These correspondents are ap- gress under his management. He, however, pointed with reference to their facilities for resigned his position to go to Japan and estabcrops, the condition of crops as regards growth, added considerable energy and foresight. He maturity or yield at certain periods; the num- | made many reforms in the Department which returned in the time and in the manner re- ods of legislation. He had a reputation as a quired. The data thus acquired is immediately | scientific farmer, and he was a man of culture, prepared for publication in the monthly report | wealth, and refinement. His administration of the Department was marked by substantial progress and the increase of avenues of investigation. The Department increased its hold upon the people of the country, and the value of the information furnished under the direcficiently attested by the fact that Congress ordered an edition of 400,000 of the last Annual Report and 60,000 of the Special Report by the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry. With the advent of the Democratic Administration, however, a change of Commissioner was made, and Dr. Loring yielded to Hon. Norman J. Colman. Mr. F. C. Nesbit is the newly-appointed Chief Clerk, and has proved himself efficient and apt in the acquirement of his new duties.

Hon. Norman J. Colman was born near Rich-Kentucky, and taught school at Louisville, closest and most affectionate character, and no self-sacrifice was too great for one to make for

In 1853 Mr. Colman went to St. Louis, where he has since resided, and established Colman's excelent photographs of Chaplain McCabe, the Rural World, an agricultural paper, which he has published for upwards of 30 years, and in ing the day he was killed at Shiloh, and of which clearly commits him to carnest and cu- was killed at the battle of Jackson, Miss., July culture of more direct and wide-reaching staff and secreted it in his bosom when he fell. advantage to the country than it has been

In 1865-66 he was a member of the State Legislature of Missouri, and received in 1868 the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor. In

He is a compactly built, energetic man, and is alread; institling into his office an amount the agriculturist in the results of microscopic opening of his administration an auspicious

Mr. Colman's reputation as an agricultural is charged with the collection, classification | thinker, writer and speaker is national. His can this fact be so forcibly impressed upon and preservation of the Herbarium, and is pre- record is one of success in every branch of infarmers than that of furnishing them with sided over by Dr. George Vasey. This Herba- dustry and enterprise with which he has been such seeds, so that they may reach conviction | rium is composed in part of the large botan- | identified, and he has long enjoyed the prestige ical collections made by the various Gov- of having made more speeches before the vari-Another important object of seed distribution | crnment exploring expeditions, which have our agricultural societies and kindred organizacents; Resolvent, \$1. POTTER DRUG AND CHEMICAL Co., BOSTON. farm upon which these seeds are tested and the Herbarium of great extent and value, which is canvass for the position which he now holds, Boston.

Tesults fairly reported, therefore becomes an arranged, classified and prepared for permanent agricultural organizations from that section of Mention The National Tribute.

experimental farm so far as that particular pro- preservation, that it may be available for refer- the country, where his advice and counsel and it was found there saturated with his blood. ence and study. The Botanist is also required had been availed of and appreciated, volun- Several Color-Bearers were killed before he to answer all inquiries for information on teered their enthusiastic and unanimous support. In short, he is a representative agriculspondents of the Department, Members of Con- botany which are presented to the considera- turist, and is well qualified to fill the office in the interest of the grain producer, the stockman, the wool-grower, the dairyman, the horticulturist, the sugar producer, and of every interest included under the general head of

Perhaps nothing better illustrates the character of the man than his canvass for the Commissionership. His coolness and sagacity far outstripped that of his most ardent supporters in Washington. While dozens of candidates were at the Capital "warming for the fray," Gov. Colman was quietly writing editorials on agricultural subjects at home. At the hight of the contest he arrived in the morning of one day and on the same evening received the assurance of his successful candidacy.

The same tact and management, together with the vast and varied experience of the new Commissioner, is already beginning to tell in his Department. Abuses are being corrected, and bureaus organized to foster and promote industries which the Department has never especially recognized. Careful scrutiny is given to every detail of his interesting and important office. He has just held the first successful convention of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations that has yet assembled, in order to bring about a concert of action and unity of purpose between these important institutions. Commissioner Colman's long experience will enable him to come to the rescue of the Seed Division of his Department-probably the most popular of any of his bureaus-and a wise and judicious distribution of seeds in climates to which they are adapted is assured, and it is safe to predict that, while Michigan and Maine will now lose their regular quota of cotton seed and banana cuttings, all sections will receive fresh and pure seed, free from insects, etc., or at least as nearly so as a rigid scrutiny can insure. There is every evidence that in his administration Gov. Colman will secure the hearty and unqualified support of the agriculturists of America, as he has already received that of its agricultural press.

RECENT LITERATURE.

N. W. AYER & SON'S AMERICAN NEWSPA-PER ANNUAL for 1885. Philadelphia, Pa. This carefully prepared Annual contains a list of all newspapers and periodicals in the United States and Canada, arranged by States in geographical sections, and by towns in alphabetical order, giving their general characteristics, year of establishment, size, circulation, and advertising rates for ten lines one month. It gives the location, Countyseat, and population of every County in the United States; the nature of the soil and its adaptability to the growth of the various agricultural staples; the leading manufactures; the number of manufacturing establishments, amount of capital invested, number of hands employed; value of annual products; political majorities, etc. It has a list of the cities, towns, and villages of the United States having a population of 5,000 and upward, arranged in alphabetical order. For fullness of information, correctness, compactness of statement, variety and value of contents, and freedom from favoritism or Co. C, 7th Ohio. prejudice, it is unequalled. Price \$3, carriage

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PRETTY POLLY PEMBERTON, By Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. Published by T. B. Peterson & Bros., Philadelphia. Price, 50 cents. This is one of the charming love stories which Mrs. Burnett writes so well. The heroine is charmingly fresh, original, womanly, and loveable. The hero, too, is capitally drawn; The touches, infinitely delicate, by which the London guardsman and "swell" is made to stand out on the canvas, deserve the highest

J. W. Pearman, Nebraska City, Neb., is writing a history of the 2d Neb. Cav., from its organization in 1862 to its muster out in 1864. Gen. Grant's article on "The Siege of Vicksburg," in the September Century, will be accompanied by the story of the other side as contained in the diary of a lady who was in the city during the siege. Besides the reproduction of Gen. Grant's orginal "unconditional surrender" dispatch in this number, there will also be a fac-simile of the dispatch to Secretary Stanton, in Gen. Grant's handwriting, announcing the surrender of Gen. Lee's army at Appomattox. The orginal is owned by Gen. Badeau, who gives the following history of the dispatch:

"On Sunday afternoon, the 9th of April 1865, as Gen. Grant was riding to his headquarters from the farmhouse in which he had received the surrender of Lee, it occurred to him that he had made no report of the event to the Government. He halted at once and dismounted, with his staff, in a rough field, within the National lines. Sitting on a stone, he asked for paper. I happened to be near, and offered my memorandum-book, such as staff officers often carry for orders or reports in the field. He laid the book on his knee and wrote the dispatch in pencil; he handed it to me and told me to send it to the telegraph operator. I asked him if I might copy the dispatch for the operator and retain the original. He assented and I rewrote the paper, the original of which is in the keeping of The Century Magazine."

Mr. Stedman's article, "The Twilight of the Poets," in the September Century, is to be the closing one of this series It enumerates most of the poets now active, men and women of the middle and younger generations, but does not, as has been erroneously stated, attempt to weigh and measure them. It is a designedly uncritical summary of what they are doing, followed by the writer's ideas of the present condition of American poetry and its chances in the near

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found among the trophies of the rebel War Department, and has been sent to Illinois to be placed in the State Capitol. The photographs are all well executed. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED. Journal of the Proceedings of the Third Annual Eucampment of the Department of Washington Territory, G.A.R. German Simplified, being Parts 9 and 10 of

was. The flag taken from him was recently

Augustin Knoflach's admirable system for learning German without a master. No. 21 of Ogilvie's Popular Reading contains its usual amount of good reading. Among other things are Her Face to the Foe, by Mary N. Holmes; The Figure in the Corner, by Miss M. E. Braddon, and a Bridegroom's Sin, by Miss Mulock. Art Decoration .- This is an illustrated monthly devoted to exterior and interior orna-

ment, and published at New York, at the low price of 25 cents a number. It is superbly gotten up, and the illustrations with which it is copiously supplied are very artistic.

I. F. MACK.

A Comrade's Reminiscences of the Days When he

Was Poor and in Prison. To THE EDITOR: I wish to bear testimony to the truth of some remarks in your issue of the 27th ult. I refer to the article about Corp. Mack, of Co. C, 7th Ohio. When we were prisoners at New Orleans in 1861 and 1862 the Corporal floored us all by propounding to us this tremendous conundrum: "Why is my enlistment like St. Paul's religion?" And when

we all gave it up he took our breath away by

answering, "Because it has brought me stripes

and imprisonment."

The reason of his success in the newspaper business is, that even while a prisoner he lived on a newspaper diet. The rebs were very particular in excluding newspapers from the Parish Prison, where we were confined; but some of the prisoners in the Criminal Division would occasionally push one through the ventilator to us, and when, on one occasion, a paper was traced to his cell and the inmates were all locked in, preparatory to a search, the boys tore it into 16 pieces, and each one of the inmates took a piece and ate it up like little men. What a band of brothers the prisoners of New Orleans became. They were mostly from Bull Run, with scattered detachments from other actions. Some of the 69th N. Y., 5th and 6th Mass, and 7th Ohio boys are among the regiments that recur to me now. The theme that occupied our attention was what we would have to eat when we got home, and this was varied by the boys of the 7th Ohio wondering why the picked men of nine companies of our regiment were sent to drive Floyd, with 4,200 men, out of his intrenched camp on the west side of the Ganley River. Some blamed Gen. Cox, and some Col. Tyler, and I don't know any other explanation to-day, only that some one had blundered. Cox and Tyler each won the double stars before the end of the war, but were as green as any of us in '61. But I am not yet a grandsire, and will not fight the

Likes Uncle Daniel's Story.

To the Editor: I am a constant reader of your valuable paper. I have been a regular subscriber for several years, and I intend to remain a subscriber as long as I am able to raise the dollar to pay for it.

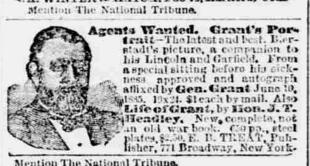
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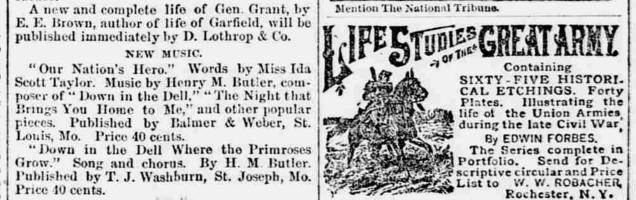
I am very much interested in "Uncle Daniel's Story." I think I could locate every character in the story-that is, the principal persons. I am of the opinion that I was formerly acquainted with Joseph --- well, the story calls of it, showing its exact size. him Dent. I am satisfied I could name a large number of the characters-even Uncle Daniel himself. The story is indeed interesting to me; it brings to my mind many facts that I know to be true. I can truly say, with Comrade L. F. Gould, "'Uncle Daniel's Story' is worth more every week than a year's subscription."-G. A. BETTCHER, Commander, Albion A. Williams Post, North Liberty, Ind.

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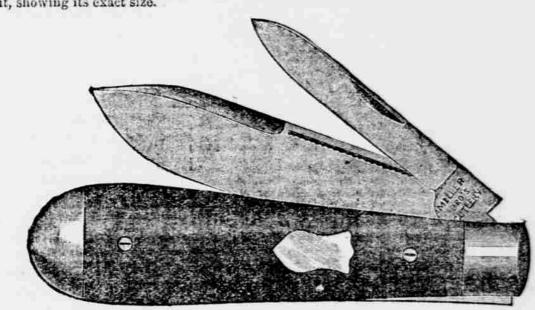
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